



# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

11:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, July 17, 2007

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by President Risser.

### CALL OF ROLL

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirsch – 33.

Absent – None.

Absent with leave – None.

The Senate stood for the prayer which was offered by Senator Judith Robson.

The Senate remained standing and Senator Grothman led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The joint committee on **Finance** reports and recommends:

#### **Senate Bill 122**

Relating to: the property tax exemption for waste treatment facilities.

Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1.

Ayes, 16 – Senators Decker, Hansen, Taylor, Jauch, Miller, Lehman, Darling and Olsen. Representatives Rhoades, Meyer, Stone, Kestell, Suder, Vos, Pocan and Colon.

Noes, 0 – None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 16 – Senators Decker, Hansen, Taylor, Jauch, Miller, Lehman, Darling and Olsen. Representatives Rhoades, Meyer, Stone, Kestell, Suder, Vos, Pocan and Colon.

Noes, 0 – None.

*RUSSELL DECKER*  
Senate Chairperson

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

July 17, 2007

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
<b>Senate Bill 11</b>	<b>Act 18</b>	July 17, 2007
<b>Senate Bill 179</b>	<b>Act 17</b>	July 17, 2007
<b>Senate Bill 209</b>	<b>Act 16</b>	July 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,  
*JIM DOYLE*  
Governor

Pursuant to Senate Rule [17 \(5\)](#), Senator Cowles added as a coauthor of **Senate Joint Resolution 51**.

### REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The committee on **Environment and Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

#### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–015**

Relating to hunting and trapping regulations.

No action taken.

#### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–032**

Relating to petroleum environmental cleanup fund awards, and affecting small businesses.

No action taken.

*MARK MILLER*  
Chairperson

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Joint Resolution 59** be placed at the foot of the calendar of 7–17–2007.

### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND SENATE BILLS

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 122** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up.

#### **Senate Bill 122**

Relating to: the property tax exemption for waste treatment facilities.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 122**?

Adopted.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

### **Senate Bill 122**

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 33.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 51** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 51**

Relating to: commending Jeff Nania upon receipt of the 2007 National Wetlands Award.

Read.

Adopted.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

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### **Assembly Joint Resolution 59**

Relating to: creating a committee of conference on 2007 Senate Bill 40, the executive budget bill of the 2007 legislature.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Joint Resolution 59** be concurred in?

Concurred in.

President Risser appoints Senators Robson, Decker and Jauch as conferees on the part of the Senate to the committee of conference on **Senate Bill 40**.

Senator Fitzgerald appoints himself as a conferee on the part of the Senate to the committee of conference on **Senate Bill 40**.

Approved.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT HONORS, AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Wirch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Pleasant Prairie native Christina Anna Thompson who won the Miss Wisconsin title and will advance to the 2008 Miss America pageant next January.

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Ayah Hasarma, Wafa AbuYaqoub, Sajidah Mohammad and Sara Khasib, high school students from Ramallah in the central West Bank of Palestine, who were also joined by Fouad Alriahi, Ahmed Hamza, Ibrahim Hamza, Mohammed Zebda and their chaperone Huthayfa Jalamneh. These students made a presentation at the Center for Civic Education International Project Citizen Showcase in Washington D.C. which identified unsafe and unsanitary conditions in a hospital in their community that serves poor people. Through their presentation, they passionately identified alternative solutions and mobilized their community to engage with a government that did not want to be responsible for making substantial improvements to the hospital. As women they stood taller than the tallest basketball player to champion the rights of women and strive for economic justice. Their efforts were incredibly courageous and their presentation inspirational.

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Olga Arefyeva, Sergey Kazakov, Mikhail Nechkin, Alisa Nelyubina, Anton Roshchin, Maxim Roshchin, Vadim Saltsevich, Ksenia Senotrusova, high school students who are from a very remote area of Russia and were joined by their chaperones Svetlana Lokteva and Yulia Anchipolivskaya. These students made a long trip to the United States to share an enthusiastic presentation at the Center for Civic Education International Project Citizen Showcase in Washington D.C. They made a case for the need to improve athletic facilities for people in the area in which they live and they did a superb job. They were excellent ambassadors for their country, and their parents, teachers and Russian officials should be very proud of their efforts.

Senator Harsdorf, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in memory of Robert Stan Shefveland.

Senator Plale, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of two women who passed away recently from his district both of whom were strong pillars in the community. One was Felicia Kowalkowski who was involved in every Polish organization known on the south side of Milwaukee. She was also the mother-in-law of former Senator John Plewa. The other person is Mary Morris who was a fixture in the Bayview community and she is the mother of state Representative Christine Sinicki.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Jacob Clark who supervises the page staff and oversees the Senate Scholar program. He is being called to active duty in the United States Army and he will be departing on August 11th for a 1 year tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Senator Kanavas, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his mother Min Kanavas who passed away last month.

Senator Hansen, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his granddaughter Elliana Alyssa Zaidel (our little angel) who passed away on Friday and would have been 2 years old tomorrow.

The Senate rose for a moment of silence for Elliana Alyssa Zaidel.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, July 19, 2007.

Adjourned.

11:38 A.M.